

## Prestbury Parish Council Minutes

**Held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7pm held at the Pavilion, New Barn Close**

Members Present: Cllrs: M Hansen (MH) Chair, Nick Atty (NA) Vice Chairman, Sandra Attwood (SA), K Bishop (KB), H Breach (HB), J Gardner (JG), S Hope (SH), C Hunt (CH), P Kennard (PK), C Taylor (CT), V Russell (VR), and P Whitton (PW).

In attendance: J Tetley Parish Clerk (JT), Stephan Fifield, County Councillor (SF) Stan Smith, Borough Councillor (SS) and 6 members of the public.

The meeting was opened at 7pm.

Item no.	Item	Action
<b>24/187</b>	Welcome by Chairman. Apologies received and accepted from Ian Bassett Smith, Borough Councillor (IBS).	
<b>188</b>	No Declarations of Interest.	
<b>189</b>	The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 (previously circulated) were approved by the Council. CH proposed approval and JG seconded; the minutes were signed by MH as an accurate record.	
<b>190</b>	Matters arising from the minutes not covered in the agenda: CH – motorbikes have been reported on Robson Field. When questioned the bikers stated they did not know that motorbikes were not allowed on the field. JG pointed out that 2 signs were in the budget for the next financial year for Robson Field listing dos and don'ts.	
<b>191</b>	<b>Co-option - To consider 1 application for co-option from Linda Langrish (LL).</b> The candidate for co-option, Linda Langrish, addressed the Council and answered questions from councillors. <b>THE COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOUR</b> that Linda Langrish should be co-opted with immediate effect as a Councillor to fill the casual vacancy on the Council. Cllr LL signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk and participated in the remainder of the meeting as a Councillor.	
<b>192</b>	<b>Adjournment to Allow for Questions from the Public</b> <b>Q)</b> Would the council consider a community hub which everyone could visit as part of the new pavilion development. To include: a mobile post office and banking service, a foot health specialist and a place for carers. <b>A)</b> MH suggested that the member of the public join the pavilion working group at a meeting to discuss her ideas in more detail. It was noted that the logistics of organising a community hub would need considerable thought. JT to obtain contact details of member of public.	<b>JT</b>

<p>193</p>	<p><b>Borough and County Councillor Reports</b>  <b>SF - County Councillor</b>  <b>Idsall Car Park</b> - SF stated that Cheltenham Borough Council had, today, voted to continue with the sale of Idsall Car Park despite the presentation of a petition with over 1000 signatures requesting the council to reconsider the sale.  SF thanked all those people that had turned up at the Cheltenham Cabinet Meeting and stated he would continue to try and save the car park.</p> <p><b>Q) What next?</b>  <b>A) SF outlined the following actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SF to submit a Freedom of Information request as the dates of receipt of the petition and the acceptance of an offer were unclear.</li> <li>• Raise awareness of the current situation with the public.</li> <li>• Public demonstrations at the car park and outside the CBC offices.</li> </ul> <p>SF to keep PPC informed of future actions.</p> <p><b>Priors Road</b> – SF noted that as only approximately 10 meters of Priors Road is in his division he is unable to secure sufficient funding for the whole road to be resurfaced. SF has had discussions with PPC and the Director of Highways regarding the poor state of Priors Road. SF continues to try and find a solution. It was noted that most of the road falls into Cllr Hay’s division of responsibility. CT added that he had emailed Cllr Hay twice regarding Priors Road and received no response. MH noted he had emailed Cllr Hay in May 2023.</p> <p>SH asked what PPC could do regarding Priors Road. MH stated that he was waiting for someone from GCC to inspect the road with him and SF.</p> <p><b>SS – Borough Councillor</b>  <b>Wall on the High Street</b> – Cllr Smith stated the removal of the tree and rebuilding of the wall is imminent. He added that he had been advised that the wall is safe. Concern was expressed that the wall would come down if the tree is felled. PPC await CBC to bring this matter to a safe conclusion.  <b>Overgrown Bushes Shaw Green Lane</b> – matter raised with Highways and added to their emergency work plan.</p> <p>MH thanked SS for the removal of inaccurate information on the PAB website discussed at the last PPC meeting.</p>	
<p>194</p>	<p><b>Committee Reports – F&amp;GP (MH)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The accounts for the month of February 2024 (previously circulated) were <b>APPROVED</b> by the council with no questions.</li> <li>• MH outlined the minutes of the F&amp;GP meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 which are available on the website.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q) Where did the proposal for refreshments at the Annual Parish Meeting come from?</b>  <b>A) It was suggested as a way to encourage the public to attend our annual meeting and find out more about the Council.</b></p> <p><b>Q) How much income has been generated from pay and play sessions on the tennis courts?</b>  <b>A) 214 bookings have been taken this year which is a significant improvement on last year. It was noted that the courts are being used more widely by the general public than ever before.</b></p>	

<p><b>195</b></p>	<p><b>Committee Reports – Allotments (PK)</b>  There are currently 51 applicants on the waiting list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26 are Prestbury parish residents.</li> <li>• 25 live outside the parish, the list continues to be closed to new non-parishioners (since February 2023).</li> <li>• Three applicants have been removed who have been on the list for over three years as their details are incomplete hence not contactable. A note has been made so they can be reinstated should they get in touch.</li> </ul> <p>The Committee continues to monitor plots which are not cultivated to the required standard and tenants are being contacted on an individual basis to ask if they wish to continue their tenancy. Tenants are being reminded that plots are an ongoing commitment - hours a week, not bursts of activity occasionally. A plot is never "done" it needs constant attention to grow crops, remove weeds and generally keep the plot tidy. Several Plot of Concern (PloC) notices and two Tenancy Termination notices have been sent over the past month.</p> <p>On 1 April 2024 requests for annual rent payment will be sent to tenants, Half plot £35.00, Full plot £55.00. A copy of the current Terms &amp; Conditions (which supersede all previous versions) will be sent and tenants agree to abide by them when they renew their tenancy by paying their rent. Tenants are requested not to pay before 1 April 2024 so that rental income is received by PPC in financial year 2024-25.</p> <p>It was noted that one youth has been apprehended by the police for anti-social behaviour and criminal damage on the allotments. JT to be provided with the police incident number.</p>	
<p><b>196</b></p>	<p><b>Committee Reports - Facman (JG)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JG outlined the FacMan minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2024 which are available on the website.</li> <li>• <b>Trees near to Robson Field</b> – member of public to provide MH with the contact details of the Rights of Way officer at GCC.</li> <li>• JG thanked the 6 volunteers who helped with the car park during race week. A total of £575 was raised.</li> <li>• <b>Drains</b> – LL suggested referring it to the Pavilion Development Working Group.</li> <li>• <b>Running Track</b> - LL suggested discussing the running track with Caloo when they visit the pavilion to quote for a new play area for Little Explorers. JG, SA and SH inspected the track and it does need attention. JG suggested CK ropes it off.</li> <li>• <b>Wildflower Garden</b> – JG has liaised with a charity called Purple Shoots who have requested a gardening area. JG has spoken to Modica and the groundsman who both have no objection. A patch of land has been offered by JG to Purple Shoots by the wildflower garden.</li> <li>• <b>Dog Poo Dispensers</b> – 4 dispensers have been made and installed by the groundsman around the playing field and Barley Road Field. HB thanked the groundsman. A request has been made by a resident on social media for some to be installed at Robson Field. Referred to FacMan.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>197</b></p>	<p><b>Committee Reports – Planning (HB)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 applications –no objections.</li> <li>• Removal of the hedgerow to build the new cycle path on the A435 - it was noted that work had not stopped on the removal of the hedge on 1<sup>st</sup> March as promised. CT to investigate.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CT</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Clevelands Drive application has gone back to the planning department. Cllr Smith to keep HB updated with any new information.</li> </ul>	
198	<p><b>Pavilion Development Working Group (PDWG)</b> Awaiting decision from the planning department. No negative comments received. LL briefly outlined the present plans and noted that one contractor would be chosen to do the whole redevelopment.</p> <p><b>Q)</b> What toilet facilities would be available for the groundsman? <b>A)</b> Either in the referee's toilet or the staff toilet as has always been the case.</p>	
199	<p><b>Strategic and Local Plan (S&amp;LP)</b> Over 80 submissions have been made and the consultation is now closed. The comments are now being reviewed by the SLP team. A Response Report will be produced and then another consultation period will take place. JT to send CT the responses of other C5 councils.</p>	<b>JT</b>
200	<p><b>Risk Assessments</b> It was noted that the risk assessments have been amended with missing information on litter picking. The litter picking section is in line with CBC's litter picking risk assessments. F&amp;GP reviewed the assessments and recommended approval.</p> <p>CT proposed approval of the risk assessments and CH seconded the proposal. All members voted in favour of adoption of the risk assessments.</p>	
201	<p><b>Councillor Information on PPC Website</b> MH and JG have both submitted information for their profiles for the website.</p>	
202	<p><b>Parish Reports</b> -only by exception and only if a critical issue needs to be raised. None.</p>	
203	<p><b>Matters for Future Consideration (not for discussion)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CH requested a recycling presentation from CBC.</li> <li>A member of the public outlined plans for the old Badhams pharmacy on the Prestbury High Street which has been taken over by the church. MH asked if the church could give PPC a presentation of their plans.</li> <li>Residents have complained regarding the increase in helicopters at the racecourse during race week. JT to outline these concerns at the review meeting at the racecourse.</li> </ul>	
	<b>The meeting closed at 20.11pm</b>	
	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b>  <b>Annual Parish Meeting 6pm 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the Pavilion</b>  <b>Full Council Meeting 7pm 15th April 2024 at the Pavilion</b></p>	